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20-Year-Old St. Thomian Pleads Guilty To Smuggling 23 Kilograms Of Cocaine Through Cyril E. King Airport On Delta Flight

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ST. THOMAS -- Shahime Ludvig, Jr., 20, of St. Thomas pleaded guilty on Tuesday in District Court before Judge Curtis V. Gomez to possession with the intent to distribute cocaine, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert has announced. Sentencing is set for March 14, 2019.

According to court documents, Ludvig attempted to smuggle twenty-three kilograms of cocaine through the Cyril E. King Airport to Atlanta, Georgia on Delta Flight #307. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Agents at the airport discovered that Ludvig's

checked suitcase contained white brick-like objects that field tested positive for cocaine and weighed approximately twenty-three kilograms.

Ludvig faces a term of imprisonment of not less than ten years and not more than life and a fine of \$10 million.

This case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte.

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